To him at
Stockton House
Cape May

Huntingdon Pa.
July 23, 1881

Dear Papa:-

We have written to you but Maggie and I so we will write now.

Aunt Clara, Aunt Minnie and Will went down to Mount Union yesterday, and staid all day.

When you write again please tell us when you will be home for sure.

David North is at Mifflin and he wrote home and told Aunt Lizzie that while he was out carriage riding a bumble bee flew into his mouth and he just closed his teeth on it and bit its head off, he finished his letter with this sentence—

"I would have wrote you a longer letter but were playing croquet."

Last evening Aunt Nan took Vic, Mary and Maggie up to Simpson's Bottom where they went in swimming.

It rained very hard on Monday or Tuesday, it blew hard too, two limbs were blown off of our Corner tree. The big Sycamore tree that leaned so much, down by the "Hollow Tree" blew down.

Will and John Cremer were out sailing in Dr Ballantyne's boat and when down in the canal by the Water-station a squall of wind struck them and they were capsized into the canal they were not hurt but got a good ducking.

There was a report to-day that Edgar Willoughby, George Gettys and Ed Gettys were drown-

ed some-body told Mrs Willough by and she fainted. The report turned out to be false.

Mr Hollifield and family went to Asbury Park to spend 3 weeks.

Mrs Pole, Harry Atrikin's grand mother, is over at Atrikins.

Joe Baldrige wants me to go up there about the Middle of August.

As news is scarce I can not write a very long letter.

I enclose Maggie's note.

With much love from
your son
Rob.

Office of H. M. BALDRIGE,
Attorney at Law,
No. 121 Allegheny St.

Hollidaysburg, Pa., August 14 1881.

Dear Papa:-

I received your kind letter and was very glad to hear from you.

The writing in this letter is not very good as I have not a good pen.

I am having a very nice time up here. Joe, Tom & I went fishing this morning but only caught a sun fish. Joe & I are going up to Cresson to-morrow.

You said in your letter to write to you if I needed any more money, I have enough to use up here but the fare is more than I thought it was, It is $1.25 while I thought it was 8 2 cents, so all I will need will be $1.25 to come home on.

Yesterday morning the foundry &c belonging to the firm of Mc Lanahan & Stone was burned down to the ground the loss was about $50.000, Insurance $20.000. A good many other buildings were burned too.

Joe & I spent yesterday out at McCahan's and had a very nice time, while

we were out there a locomotive set their meadow on fire and we had a hot time fighting fire.

I have not gone to see Mc Lanahan's as their foundry burnt down and I did not like to go then.

Aunt Mime, who came up with me, got up all safe.

I had intented saying good bye to you, but court was not adjourned and it was near train time so I had to go.

Please give my love to all
from your loving son
Rob Iker.

P. S.

I think I will be home on Wednesday

UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF
J. E. KINGSLEY & CO.
CONTINENTAL HOTEL,
PHILADELPHIA.

Congress Hall
Cape May N.J.

August 15 1878

Dear Papa
We saw a lighthouse and took a barriage yesterday and are going to take one today and get some shells I lost my pocket book and the money you gave me I guess I can write the rest of my letter my self.

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My Son Victor
16 Aug. 78

A DEMOCRATIC MORNING NEWSPAPER.

Office, 26 & 28 North William St.

P. O. BOX 3607.

New York, June 14 1886

Dear Papa:

Everything is going on nicely in the office. The work is hard but I suppose all responsible work is. Gov. Dorsheimer called me into his private office this afternoon and told me that I was making a good local paper. He asked me about several things and I had the longest talk with him that I have had since I have been here. As soon as his attention began to lag I quit talking.

The weather is troubling me some

for I find it too warm for winter underclothing and it takes cold of lower lighter clothes. I weigh 183 pounds now and feel better than I have felt for some time. I want to get down to about 175. It frees my muscles and lungs to be a trifle thinner.

All the aldermen are now accounted for. It is doubtful if they will be convicted. Public clamor, not personal willingness has caused the arrests. Inspector Byrnes who is chief of the detective force is thoroughly crooked. His hold on Jaehne came from his knowledge of Jaehne's doings as a receiver of stolen goods. The accused aldermen are

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in many cases leaders of their districts and their political power is great. Politicians here from Mayor Grace down are corrupt. It is only a question of degree and manner of iniquity. Some men steal the public money. others prostitute their offices, others trade for place and power. It is all a business, profitable for those who succeed and costly to all.

I am sorry when of his illness. Is it serious?

With much love

Your ever well

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Mary C. Gunn
27 Feb '85

My dear Pater

mother

on Saturday

2027 Chestnut St. Phila.
June 4, 1887.

My dear Papa,

I had a long talk with Miss Morgan, the music teacher, who has been abroad several times. She impressed upon me the need of having sufficiently heavy wraps, and a lap robe for covering when on the steamer chairs. We shall both want chairs - which the steamer companies do not furnish - for deck, but those we can get in

New York. I got a good heavy lap robe this morning. It really is like a horse blanket or a carriage robe. It is dark with a yellowish bar and is a very nice one. It cost seven dollars. I got neither one of the cheapest nor one of the most expensive. I talked to her, Miss Morgan, about the baggage. If we come back by the same line, we can have what we won't need off the steamer stored away by the company. I shall have my heavy coat, a shawl, and the lap robe in a shawl

strap, and the clothes in the steamer trunk which can be kept in the state-room. I got the largest sized steamer trunk which doesn't seem very large. thirty-six inches or so long, it is, and low so that it can go under the berth. These, with possibly my little satchel will constitute my "luggage;" does not that sound quite-tooth like all reddy? If you would like me to see about a lap covering for you, I shall be glad to do it, or get any thing else you would

like. What impresses me when I read of travelling, is the number of times, places, and persons who are to receive fees. It would seem that some of them would scarcely have any stated salary. My guide book favors landing at Queenstown and visiting Ireland first to going direct to England. I presume we shall spend quite a little time in Ireland and I shall be glad to.

I received the draft on Wednesday morning. I should like fifteen dollars

more and shall try not to ask for money for a while then. You are so kind to me, my dear papa, and I wish I could be a better daughter and more of a comfort to you.

You asked me to write about commencement, etc. I have sent you an invitation, which probably you have by this time. The exercises will be in Association Hall, 15th and Chestnut Street, next Friday, the tenth of June, beginning at half past ten. The graduates read no

essays and do little more than sit on the platform. There is no honor such as we had at home of valedictorian and salutatorian. But, Papa, I do stand very well in my class. Dr Dickey, our minister, will preside. The singing most of it, is to be done by the girls. A Dr. Rees, the minister in a Baptist church on Chestnut Street between 18" and 19" will read the Scriptures, and a methodist minister, Dr. Vernon, pray. Prof. Thompson from the University of Pennsylvania will deliv-

ve the address. I have not heard his subject. The congregational minister, Mr. Dandforth will speak to the class.

We had a very enjoyable class supper at Ellen Kenney's on Thursday evening. Our class poet wrote two poems. We had a cake with a thimble, meaning old maid hood to the one who got it, a button, poverty, a ten cent piece, riches, and a ring - the first bride. It was in my piece. It is a pretty little gold ring with a torquoise and two pearls. I have not had such a pleasant supper for a long time. We came home

after ten. Miss Louise Brown, one of the girls from West Philadelphia spent the night with me.

Fanny Smith and I took our examination in Caesar and Cicero this afternoon. I think I passed.

I suppose Mig will stay for Commencement. I shall be home next Saturday evening on the half past six train.

Good-bye. With much love, Your daughter,

Mary.

Oberlin, Lorain Co., O.
November 29, 1886.

My dear Papa,

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were in the house.

Mr. White is a very [illegible]
very [illegible], and [illegible].

[illegible]

is a boy of [illegible], very [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the hard a [illegible]
[illegible] Cherry [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] home.

[illegible]

[illegible] I think [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] they will be [illegible] while they are [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Last [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] lives just near here. We had a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] walk."

I [illegible] you [illegible] in the city [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

and not tell [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
is unwell [illegible] [illegible]
yet.

With much love,
Your daughter,

2027 Chestnut St. Phila.
April 17, 1886.

My dear Papa,

We were given our reports this week. I send you mine today. I was so glad to get your letter on Monday that the more because I had not been expecting it.

I went with Miss Barrett last Saturday morning to see Dr. Lewis. He did something to my eyelids and told me not to study at night. So I have a kind of vacation in the evenings. On Tuesday, Elisabeth Baker read my

Grecian History to me and that helped me with Wednesday's work. Wednesday I have the most recitations of any day in the week. I went back to see Dr. Lewis this morning. He said my eyes are better and asked me whether I had written and told you that they are better. I said I would write today. I am still not to use them at night but can study in the morning and so can get along very nicely.

Mamie came down on Monday with her father

She is out shopping with him this morning. Yesterday afternoon, Mamie and I were at the Girard House for dinner I saw the little waiter with the light skin who waited on us when you were down. I spoke to him and to my surprise he said "Miss Speer." I didn't know that he would remember my name.

Two of the teachers had a "Lemonade Reception" at #2005 Chestnut St. last evening for the girls. After it, part of the

went to see the Cyclorama of the Battle of Missionary Ridge. It is on Chestnut street near 22d. It is on the same principle as the Battle of Gettysburg on Broad street. Aunt Lou took me to see it last fall.

I had a letter from Victor this morning. I was glad to get it. I do hope he will be better soon.

With very much love,

Your daughter,

Mary

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[illegible]

2027 Chestnut St., Philadelphia,
October 16, 1886.

My dear Father,

I received your letter this morning with Dr Agnew's note. I showed the note to Miss Barrett and she asked me when I wrote to tell you that, if you wanted she would go down and see Dr Agnew. She doesn't want to be officious but she would like to know how much he meant by his letter. You know he said "no study" in it.

I shall send you the bill I received this week. You gave me the check for $600. This is to the new rent and for the damage fund, as you see. If you wish it, I can pay it from the money I have.

Yesterday was Miss Brittany

Mary's birthday [illegible] I [illegible]
for up the [illegible] [illegible]
and flowers & in the evening
[illegible] were some good [illegible]
down stairs. The flowers are,
we thought, really for them, for
the following days will be for a
curtain!

The town board has been meet-
ings this week. At one the fire
chief was elected. She is a
girl who lives in the city. Ellen
Kenney is her name. Up here
[illegible] are class matter for
"[illegible]" [illegible] in
my lot is the trouble here. I
think it is a good one. There
are some other things we have
not decided yet.

Miss Freeman the president
of Wellesley College will be in
the city the last of the month
but, [illegible] she was at school and

made an ad across the street
morning

On Thursday afternoon I walked
out to the Chinese city & Jewish
quarter. The main building is
beautiful, but of course the
other night I heard some of
the noise of the street with the
"dah bah, dah Kungpanna"
They did some singing too

Some room books, so nice
this morning. It has been
some disturbing and straightening
up to start so unusual it.

I send you Dr Figuere's
letter. Tacks today thank you
for letting me read it & I
hope to hear from you soon.

With much love,
Your daughter Inez

The fruit and flowers came on
Monday. Thank you very much
They make a [illegible] table here, pure
[illegible] and a few [illegible].

Maui, 1886.

Be in life?

We have this

or need.

side I told Stella I would write one for her.

I hope to get your letter on Monday. I heard from both Will and Rob this week.

With very much love,

Your daughter

Mary.

2027 Chestnut St. Phila.
September 22, 1886.

My dear Papa.

The train was thirty minutes or so late last evening and it was dark when we go to the city ~~Wa~~ nie and I walked through the gate and she and I took each of us a side to watch for Mr. Adams. I had the right side and saw him waiting for us. He had come on a train <u>one</u> minute before our train was due but we were late and he had time to get his supper. He went home last night.

We found only three of the girls here, a Miss Julia Barrett, Miss Lyle from Prince

ron, and a Miss Warner from Corn. Miss Everett came from Ro-chester but her home is in Oregon. Mary Worden and my room-mate came to-day. She is a Miss Catherine Dafforth from near Peoria. Her sister is in the city now but I have not met her. Catherine will be home sick some, I think. Stella Knight from Montana hasn't come yet. She roomed with me a little while last year. This summer her only sister died.

We haven't had much school to-day. This morning Mr. Stevenson and Dr. Dafforth made short speeches. We had singing and prayer too. Then after the exercises

were over we were to report to our teachers. I came over to my room later and did some fixing up and went down street with one of the day pupils. When I came back I found Miss Danforth here. This afternoon Mamie and I were out with three of the girls.

Prof. Van Dyell, the last year's French teacher, will not be back and we have a lady to teach French and German. She is a foreigner herself.

But this is enough for today. Write to me when you have time.

With love to all,

Your daughter Mary.